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Military Information

1. At the present time, the Chinese Communists control approximately 85 percent of Shantung Province. The Communist armies control almost all of the area within the confines of the Lung Hai, Tsin-pu and Chiao Chi Railroads except for the sector in south central Shantung around Lini (118-20, 35-05). Chefoo and Tsingtao are the only points in Chiaotung under Nationalist control. The region extending from the Tsin-pu Railroad south of Tsinan (117-00, 36-41) to the west and southwest into Honan and Anhwei Provinces is the only large area not under Communist control. Communist activity has increased in this area recently, and before Hsuehou (117-16, 34-18) or Tsinan can be successfully attacked it is essential that the Communists dominate this important area.
2. Currently a large body of CHEN Yi's troops are in the area between the Yellow River, the Grand Canal and the lake water system. Since that region is subject to heavy floods at this time of year, these troops may be delayed in gaining their objectives in southwestern Shantung, which precludes any immediate pressure on either Tsinan or Tsingtao.
3. WANG Yao-wu (王耀武), governor of Shantung Province and commander of the 2 Pacification Area, has approximately 100,000 troops available for the defense of Tsinan and, although the city is virtually cut off from reinforcements other than by air, he is still in a position to combat a Communist all-out attack for several months. In order to attack Tsinan successfully the Communists would be forced to use the bulk of the regular Communist forces now in Western Shantung.
4. Nationalist troops and the defenses in the Tsingtao area are now far more formidable than they were six months ago. During the past months the Nationalists have been strengthening the perimeter defenses of Tsingtao, and the Lingshan (120-29, 36-33) area defenses have been built, providing a further bulwark for the defense of Tsingtao. The Nationalist 54 and 64 Armies have been strengthened during the past six months and have been

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undergoing intensive training. In addition to the ground forces and defense works, the Nationalists maintain a fighter squadron at Tsarko Airfield whose primary mission is the defense of Tsingtao. The Communists do not have a strong offensive force in eastern Shantung at the present time, and a successful attack directed at Tsingtao would necessitate the movement of several hundred thousand troops from western Shantung. This would be immediately observed.

5. The presence of the United States fleet in Tsingtao has a strong psychological effect, and the morale of the populace and the Nationalist defenders will remain high as long as the fleet remains. Both the mayor of Tsingtao and the commander of the 11 Pacification Area believe that the Communists will not attack the city while the fleet is in Tsingtao.
6. The eventual complete control of Shantung by the Chinese Communists is a 90 percent possibility, but there is no immediate danger that Tsingtao will be attacked.

Order of Battle

- 6-5 7. Western and southern Shantung: The main force of CHEN Yi's 1, 4, 6, and "Trotting" Columns and part of LIU Po-cheng's 3 and 8 Columns combined with his 1 and 11 Columns are active in the area of Chuyeh (116-11, 35-25), Chinsiang (116-22, 35-06), Chengwu (115-57, 34-59), Tingtao (115-40, 35-06) and Kotse (115-26, 35-14). The 7 and New 8 Columns are active in the Yencho (116-54, 35-36) area and the 13 Column is between Taian (117-07, 36-31) and Wante (116-55, 36-23). The 9 Column is in the vicinity of Shoukuang (118-44, 36-55).
- 6-3 8. Honan: The main force of LIU Po-cheng's 3 and 8 Columns is in the Hsintienpu (113-14, 32-31) and Luyeni (113-15, 32-16) area. The 2 and 4 Columns are stationed at Tashihchiao (113-34, 33-14). The 10 Column is between Wuyang (113-37, 33-27) and Yehhsien (119-56, 37-11). Part of LIU's 1 Column with CHEN Yi's 3 and 8 Columns were active in the battle of Kaifeng (114-21, 34-48).

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